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Visitor From Denmark Sees Southern Plants

John With, representative of C. Olesen Inc., Copenhagen, Denmark, visited the Caromount and Wilson Division of Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc., during the latter part of March. Mr. With is spending a year in the United States on this first visit. At the C. Olesen Inc., Mr. With is interested in sales, importing and exporting draperies, rayons, carpets and other textile fabrics for Denmark.

In very clearly spoken English Mr. With described his country, stating, "Denmark is actually engaged mainly in farming, as it is also widely known for its outstanding dairy products of which Great Britain used to be the main consumer. Although the Danish population only numbers about four million persons we are nicely represented in most other manufacturing and finishing industries, thus having several big breweries (Carlsberg and Tuborg). Textile and hosiery mills, chemical factories, ship-yards, etc. The biggest cement factory in northern Europe is also located in Denmark.

"The farming, dairying and fishing industries were not slowed too much during the war whereas almost any other industry was heavily handicapped due to shortages in raw materials and coal."

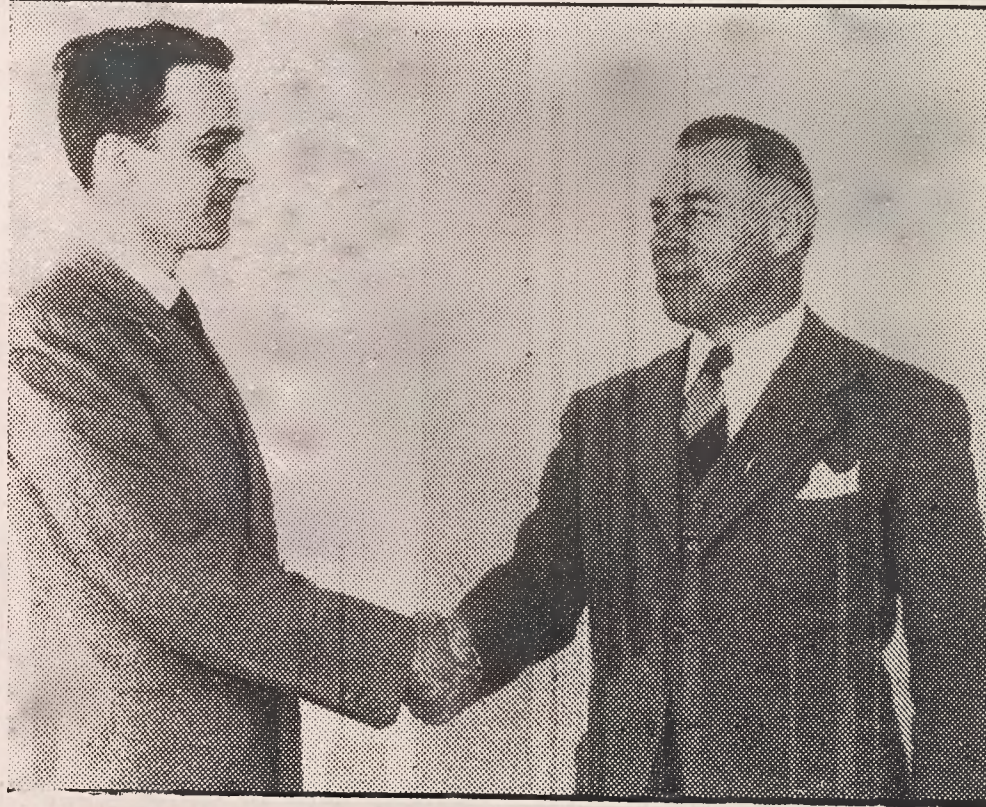
With described the hours of work and working conditions here as being very similar to Denmark. Of course the Danish industries were under heavy German control during the latter years of occupation. The 600 employees

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NEW BUILDING

In an interview, E. H. Suessmuth, Resident Manager, stated that we have succeeded in obtaining approval for the erection of a finished goods storage building which will be added to the converting plant. This building will contain approximately 15,000 square feet of floor space which will be used for storing finished goods. The present storage building is to be moved across the road and will be used for frame repairs and miscellaneous storage purposes. Construction on this new building is scheduled to begin within the next three weeks.

Manager Suessmuth Welcomes Mr. With To Caromount



John With, representative of C. Olesen Inc. of Denmark (left) is shown receiving the hand of welcome from Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth (right) upon arriving at the Caromount Division in Rocky Mount. (Photograph by Julian T. Eppes).

Whitley Of Labor Dept Speaks On Safety

E. D. Whitley, Jr., of the North Carolina Labor Department, attended the Caromount Safety Committee meeting held on April 10, 1947. Mr. Whitley was introduced to the committee by Resident Manager Suessmuth. Mr. Whitley stated the following principles of safety.

"Accidents are anything that slows production. An accident can occur without an injury. Accidents cause injuries and the prevention of injuries is a savings in pain and in dollars.

"A good Safety Program must have the cooperation of all, from the top management on down. Good housekeeping is essential in a safe plant.

"Accidents are due to unsafe acts and conditions and these unsafe acts and conditions must be eliminated.

"Each employee should take a personal interest in Safety, so that he will protect himself and be able to work another day.

"Supervision must work with the employees and employees with Supervision, and by cooperating and understanding the need for safety, together, they will naturally work to have a safer plant."

Clayton Hedgepeth is the Safety Supervisor and chairman of

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Employees Praised

The employees are to be praised for the way in which they have accepted and used the Cafeteria. It has not been necessary to make rules and regulations since employees have conducted themselves in a most satisfactory manner without abusing this privilege.

They are taking good care of the tables, chairs, and other property, and are cooperating with the management in the matter of time spent. The pleasant and congenial atmosphere maintained by the employees in the Cafeteria makes this a source of relaxation beneficial to all.

The Caromount Cafeteria now has facilities for sterilizing all its dishes and utensils; consequently, much higher sanitary conditions can be maintained throughout. Heretofore the staff has been crippled by the shortage of hot water; but a new 40 gallon hot water tank has recently been installed, replacing the old 20 gallon tank. This new addition will supply a sufficient amount of water heated to 170 degrees at all times.

Ernest Taylor, manager of the Cafeteria stated that the menu is continually becoming more varied; and that good candies are increasingly more plentiful from day to day. Employees can enjoy a new lunch of grilled ham with a choice of potato, lemon, peach, or apple pie.

Plans For Recreation Heard By Committee

The newly appointed Recreation Committee composed of Quillen Ward, chairman; Walter Greenman, Walter Harrison, George Harper, Jim Johnson, Cecil Lewis, Ernest Taylor and Randolph Sutton met with Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth on Tuesday, April 15, 1947.

It will be the purpose of this committee to formulate plans for and direct recreational activities for the employees.

At the first meeting the discussion centered around soft ball and baseball. Jim Johnson agreed to work out with the Caromount baseball hopefuls and on Monday, April 21, 1947, in spite of April showers and rather cool weather Johnson and his followers met on the Caromount Athletic Field for work-outs in an effort to determine whether or not Caromount can field a team in the City

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Accidents Can And Do Happen Here

In the first three months of this year 14 accidents occurred at Caromount requiring medical attention. Of these 14, 3 were injured so they had to remain away from work for longer than 24 hours and are called lost time accidents.

For the same period Wilson Plant had 7 accidents requiring medical attention and of the 7, one was a lost time accident.

The accidents that happened that cause these injuries can be divided into 5 categories and are as follows:

	Caromount	Wilson
Falls	5	1
Bumping Objects ..	3	3
Falling Objects ...	4	2
Machinery	1	1
Sprains	1	0

It is worthy to note that only 2 accidents out of a total of 21 was caused by machinery. The others, falls, bumping objects, falling objects, and sprains, we say were due to the human element. A little more thought, a little better planning and these accidents would probably not have occurred.

Think Safety every minute on the job and save the pain of an injury.